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33. **(New)** A fusion protein produced by the method of any of claims 12 and 28.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration leading to prompt issuance of this Application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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